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THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

J. S. Bache & Co., bankers, of New York, are representative of the ultra conservative business sentiment of the country. The attitude of that sentiment toward Mr. Taft may therefore be supposed to be set forth in the following article in the banking firm's weekly financial review:

"The nomination made, from this time on, the superior fitness of Mr. Taft for the office of president, will impress itself more and more upon the minds of thinking people in the United States. We probably have never had a candidate so thoroughly equipped by education, by experience, by temperament, and by born abilities as Mr. Taft. He is sane, just, unprejudiced, uncontrolled by headless theories, skilled in the knowledge of government, without egotism or selfishness. He is full of an aggressive industry, but rash and ill-considered action or speech is unthinkable in him. Deliberation is the very essence of his makeup. Greed for publicity he certainly, in a long and distinguished career, has never shown the least taint of, and he is of such unbounded good nature that difficulties melt before him from the very warmth of his kindly feeling. He is a measure-full of such royal qualities as only good rulers are made of. That out of the seething cauldron of self-seeking politics such a candidate should have been drawn and nominated, is a matter of wonder and congratulation to the people of the United States, and is another proof of the French philosopher's observation that 'God takes care of children, fools and the American nation.'"

"Under Mr. Taft we will have an eminently safe administration. After the stormy and destructive period through which we have been passing the country needs rest. Under Mr. Taft the government will be administered calmly, but the reins will not be dropped.

"Mr. Bryan will undoubtedly be the nominee of the democratic party. Mr. Bryan is unsafe. He lacks the fundamental quality of taking the right side of questions. He is liable at any time to bob up on the wrong side of the most important issues. This is because he has no real depth. He has a glimmering quality of cleverness which is not sterling. There is no metal below. Scratch the surface and the tinseled comes off, revealing the plaster underneath. Every person of understanding who has heard him talk, for instance, on the currency, knows this. He has no well grounded knowledge of the subject and shows it to the student in a moment that he knows nothing about it. Nevertheless, he pretends to know all about it, using cheap and glittering generalities to hide ignorance and hoodwink audiences. The business of the country cannot afford to trust itself to a pretender. It needs especially now sound, safe guidance. It is recovering from a severe illness, and must have the services of a skilled physician.

"The business man can do nothing better for his business than to devote his brain and energies, between now and the time when the last ballot falls, to helping elect Mr. Taft by an overwhelming majority.

"This is not politics. It is business."

THE SOUTH IN RETREAT.
The southern states took the initiative in the populist legislation which has spread over a considerable area of the country. Those states are now the first to start on the return to the former order of things. Georgia some weeks ago signified by its defeat of Hoke Smith its weariness of business disturbance for the benefit of politicians, and now a movement begun in Texas a year ago to restore the Lone Star state to a condition of sanity is well under way.

The Texas program is naturally opposed by the politicians, who alone have been the beneficiaries of the agitation which has been so prevalent throughout the country. As long as they could keep the masses arrayed against imaginary classes they were securely entrenched, for the masses have the votes.

But the people of Texas and the other southern states are learning the lesson so severely taught to Kansas many years ago that populism necessarily unmakes prosperity; that indiscriminate attacks upon corporations merely because they are corporations frighten them not into un-

reasonable concessions but out of business, as was the case in Texas.

Not a dollar have the residents of that state gained from the repressive laws of wild-eyed legislatures. But millions of dollars eager to be added to the state's wealth have been held up. Nothing has resulted from the harangues of politicians except delayed if not actually lost opportunities.

It is now proposed to throw down the barriers ostensibly erected for the protection of citizens but which were really erected against the development of their resources.

Statehood never before seemed so near to Arizona as now. We have the promise of the support of republican leaders given under a better understanding of our claims than they ever had before. Though admission may not come in the short session of congress, there is good reason to believe it will. At any rate, it cannot be delayed beyond the next congress.

The Salt River Valley mercury seems to be trying to keep pace with the upward movement of Salt River Valley real estate. Well, let 'em both go; that's what the people are here for. It will be a hot race but odds are offered against the thermometer.

The national ticket is at last floating in the breeze from Wags' masthead. We felt all along that Wags would "come in" and thus lend solidarity to the republican party. We can now proceed with a solid front against a common enemy.

If nothing else results from the agitation over the sale of the Central school block we will have had profitable advertisement of the value of Phoenix real estate.

Lockjaw has its terrors at all times except on the Fourth of July and the days immediately preceding it.

THE CENTRAL BLOCK SALE.

To the Editor of The Republican:
Sir—As to selling the Central school block, I am opposed to the sale. First, because \$60,000 is not enough for it; second, it is not the time to sell. City property is just commencing to become alive. The block will sell for \$150,000 within three years, and the school district might as well have the benefit of the sale. Some who favor selling say the building will have to be enlarged. That would be gross folly as the ground will be sold eventually. I submit that Phoenix will have 25,000 to 30,000 people in five years; and one grammar school will not accommodate the pupils. It will be necessary to construct two buildings, one east of Center street and one west of Center street. I am not only opposed to selling the block now; but I will go further and say that I am in favor of calling a bond election for bonds to run five years for a sum sufficient to buy two lots for the future use of the grammar school while the ground is cheap, and to construct one of the buildings as soon as possible. Within three years the block will sell for \$150,000; that will pay the bonds, put up the other building, and we will have two modern buildings, more commodious than the one we have, and furnished with the best equipment. In the meantime, to prevent overcrowding the grammar school, the primary schools can be enlarged so as to keep pupils in them for one term longer than at present, until the grammar schools are ready for them. Most of the primary schools are overcrowded, and will have to be enlarged anyway. Some people figuring on the value of the block estimate that the building is a detriment to the ground to the amount of \$20,000. No doubt, the block would be more eagerly sought if there were no building on it, but why? I consider the block one of the most desirable in Phoenix. Now, it would be worth money to me to have the block sold, but I will not let selfish interest con-

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At the Hotel Adams were: S. Emory, Humboldt; R. Eugene Chrono, Fort Wayne; John P. Wright, Tucson; H. C. Leber, Los Angeles.

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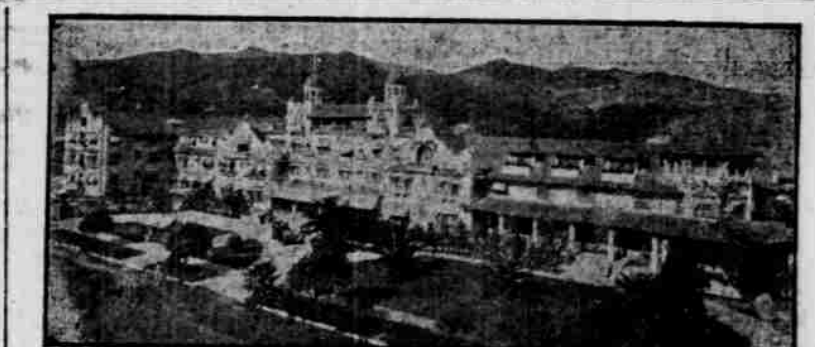
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